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SUBJECT: SIAD INVITES US SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN TO VISIT SOMALIA

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1. ACCORDING TO SOMALI NATIONAL NEWS AGENCY BULLETIN OF JUNE 16, SOMALI SECSTATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OMAR ARTEH DISCLOSED ON JUNE 15 THAT PRESIDENT SIAD QTE HAD SENT INVITATIONS TO US SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN TO VISIT SOMALIA TO SEE FOR THEMSELVES THAT NO FOREIGN MILITARY BASES EXIST IN ANY PART OF THE SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC AS ALLEGED BY INTERNATIONAL IMPERIALISM AND ZIONISM. UNQTE. ARTEH ALSO SAID THAT SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN SHOULD BE PEOPLE WHO DO NOT RPT NOT SUPPORT ZIONISM.

2. ARTEH WENT ON TO SAY THAT QTE PROPAGANDA ON EXISTENCE OF FOREIGN BASE IN SOMALIA WAS USUAL PROPAGANDA OF US MASS-MEDIA, MOST OF WHICH WAS IN HANDS OF ZIONISTS. UNQTE.

3. COMMENT: WE ARE SEEKING CLARIFICATION OF ARTEH'S ANNOUNCEMENT WITH MOFA. BELIEVE HOWEVER THAT SIAD'S INVITATION BEARER MUST BE SOMALI AMBASSADOR TO US ABDULAH I ADDOU, WHO DEPARTED MOGADISCIO FOR WASHINGTON JUNE 7. IT IS OUR RECOLLECTION THAT AMBASSADOR ADDOU HAS EXTENDED SUCH INVITATIONS IN PAST TO US SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN

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BUT HAS HAD NO RPT NO TAKERS. IN VIEW OF MY REQUEST OF JUNE 14 TO

VISIT BERBERA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE (MOGADISCIO 837), MOFA MAY HAVE
REVIVED THESE ALREADY OUTSTANDING INVITATIONS AS WAY OF
DEMONSTRATING THAT SOMALI GOVT. WILLING TO SHOW BERBERA TO US
VISITORS.

4. DEPT. MAY WISH SEEK AMBASSADOR ADDOU'S COMMENTS.
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